Jan. 20, 1992

Dear Verna:

I am Eudora Piercy Fulkerson's sister and Al Fulkerson's sister-in-law. I asked them for addresses of friends old and new: some they knew as children, some in school, work, church, travel, relatives.... You are on that list of friends and I hope you might be interested in helping with the following project.

Eudora and Al's 50th wedding anniversary is coming up May 30th, this year. I thought you might like to help prepare FULKERSONS' MEMORY BOOK for their anniversary. We hope you will send memories of Eudora and Al: stories, reminiscences, articles, or photographs. If you want photos returned please be sure to tell us and we will be glad to copy them and return the originals to you. Send your stories in whatever form is most convenient for you—handwritten, typed, tape-recorded. These do not need to be long or scholarly. Short reminders of past incidents can bring back lots of memories. We will compile everything into FULKERSONS' MEMORY BOOK and give it to them on their Anniversary. We are excited about the book. Imagine Eudora and Al opening a book with memories covering 3/4 of a century!

Write your memories like a letter to Eudora and Al.

But mail them to me: **Margaret Jensen**
P. O. Box 707
Billings, MT 59103

I would love to get your memories by Valentine's Day; but **please** try to get them to me by the end of February.

Thanks. We look forward to getting your memories.

Sincerely,

Margaret

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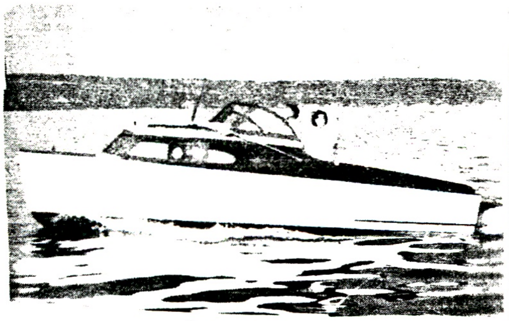

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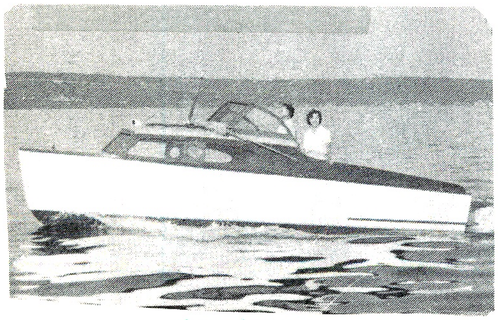

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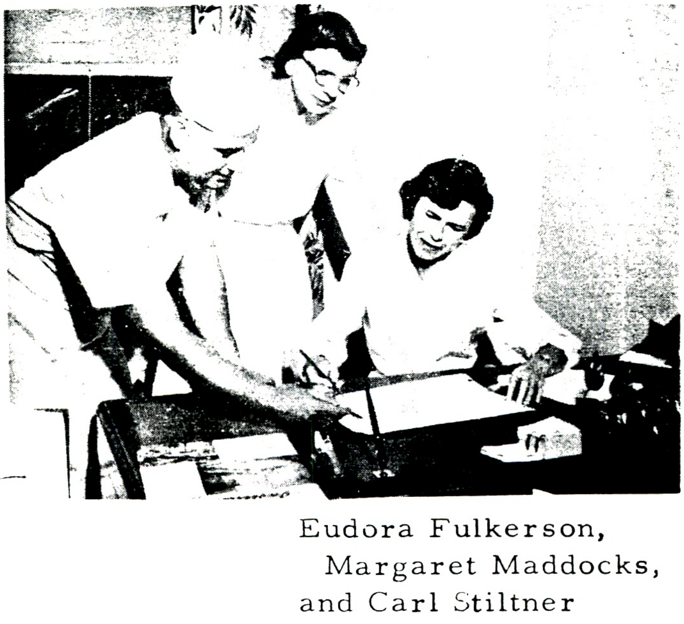

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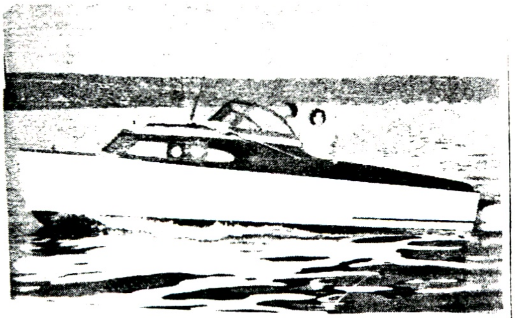

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Tacoma General Hospital
Medical excellence from MultiCare

December 7, 1992

Mrs. Verna Huber
114 McLaughlin Road
Chehalis, WA 98532-9622

Dear Verna,

Tacoma General Hospital Auxiliary has had a long and meaningful history in Tacoma and especially here at the hospital. We are saddened, but respectful of the decision to disband.

Your good will and generosity will long be remembered. I am asking Luana Welch, the Tacoma General Fund Development staff person to develop a special way to recognize your dedicated years of service with Tacoma General Hospital.

In the meantime, I thought you might be interested in this very special acknowledgement cited in the newly published historical review of Pierce County.

Once again, our sincere appreciation for your hard work. We look forward to a continued relationship with each of you individually.

Sincerely,

Jane

Jane Shanaman
Vice President
MultiCare Medical Center

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enclosure

cc: Barry Connoley
Eric Quist
Laura Edman

315 South K Street P.O. Box 5299 Tacoma, Washington 98415-0986 (206) 552-1000

The PCMS currently has approximately 750 members and is governed by a twelve member Board of Trustees. The PCMS is organized by the committee structure, with approximately 21 committees that work on health issues such as AIDS, Aging, Sports Medicine, Minority Affairs, etc. The PCMS also has a grievance committee, all in the interest of providing excellent medical care for Pierce County citizens. *Submitted by Mrs. Mavis Kallsen, Archivist, Pierce County Medical Society.*

Tacoma General Hospital Auxiliary

Over a quarter century ago the Auxiliary was formed for the welfare of patients and to promote Tacoma General Hospital.

In 1960, Walter L. Huber, Administrator, appointed Helen Maddex to research and organize a volunteer and auxiliary program as recommended by the American Hospital Association. Garner H. Anderson was the first president. Gift shop and public relations were two objectives.

The Auxiliary was fairly inactive for several years. In 1973, James W. Petersen, president of the Board of Trustees, encouraged a revival of the Auxiliary. Nurses, wives of physicians and board members and civic-minded people formed the nucleus, with Kay Gratias, R.N., as president. Bylaws were revised, separating Volunteer Services and the Auxiliary.

The most important person in a hospital is the patient. Helping hands were needed to make special clothing and medical/nursing articles for patients. Premature infants and maternity needs have been ongoing projects.

Members started fund raising projects for items not included in the hospital budget. Approximately $200,000 has been donated for special equipment in surgery, maternity, oncology and other departments. Seventeen golf tournaments have raised $2,000 to $10,000 yearly.

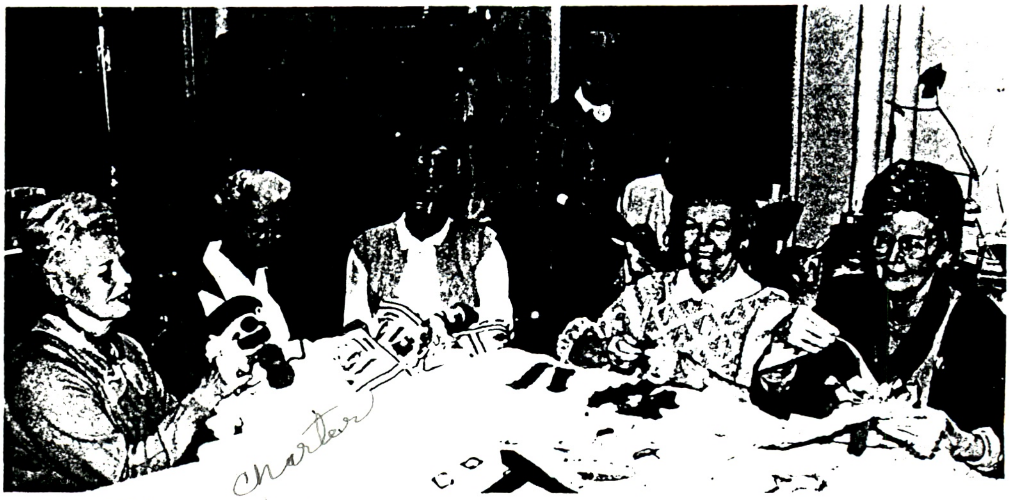
Members are furnished a work shop in the hospital to gather for weekly sessions for sewing and socializing, while creating useful items for the patients and the craft sale. One treasured item, such as a bedspread, is raffled each year netting $500 to $1,000.

During illness, time is very important to the patient. In 1891, the Auxiliary purchased large wall clocks for each patient room. A large calendar is decorated monthly for rooms in the Geriatric Unit. Patients often cross off days until they go home.

Tacoma General Hospital has always been a community-owned facility. It was founded in 1882 by Fannie C. Paddock, wife of Bishop John A. Paddock of the Episcopal Church. It was located on Starr Street in Old Town. In 1889, it was moved to a larger wooden building in J Street. In 1915, it was moved to 315 South K Street, the present location of the K-Wing.

For the hospital's centennial in 1982, a large bronze statue was unveiled — THE SECOND TOUCH (the healing hand of medicine). The Auxiliary took great pride in assisting with the funding. In 1989, THE SECOND TOUCH was permanently mounted in a fountain on the pedestrian plaza connecting Tacoma General Hospital, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center and the Frank S. Baker Day Surgery Center.

The Auxiliary, with 35 active and 15 associate members, is pleased to be part of this beautiful health care complex now known as MultiCare Medical Center.



BUSY MEMBERS
AUXILIARY WORKSHOP
TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL
Front: Elverna Maurmann, Eudora Fulkerson, Verna Huber, Esther Eddy, Grace Berry Back: Irene Capuccio, Jonesy Jepsen, Jane Allen, Alice Baumgardner

Washington Soldiers' Home and Colony

Many citizens of the State of Washington are unaware of the existence of the Washington Soldiers' Home and Colony at Orting, Washington, even though this excellent facility has served our veteran population since 1891.

The war in American history known variously as the War between the States or the Civil War, brought many changes in American life and outlook. Even in areas far away from the conflict, such as the Washington Territory, the war had its impact. Not only was the territory pro-union in sentiment, the years following the war saw the arrival of many Union veterans.

Lured to the West by promises of abundant land and jobs, these travelers found there were neither. Monetary resources ran out for many, but those who suffered most of all were disabled veterans.

As a result of this, legislation was passed on March 26, 1890, under the title of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Act. Though the state constitution had provided for a soldiers' home prior to statehood, this act provided the first tangible directives for establishment of such a home.

A five-man board was appointed to select a site, and eventually the site at Orting was selected. This 188-acre site was located 25 miles southeast of the City of Tacoma. Selection of the site was based partially on the fact that all the major railroads of the period that were serving the state came through Orting. This was a major consideration in a time when there were no automobiles or highways. Rail service meant, of course, that any eligible veteran had ready access to the home.

The home was dedicated in March, 1891, and the first member admitted four months later on July 4th, an appropriate date for an organization dedicated to service for men involved in the nation's wars.

Since its opening, the home has served veterans who were in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, the Indian Wars, World War I and II, and the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Since its founding in 1891, there have been several changes, necessitated by the increased service needs of veterans and their families. The increasing role of women in the military has broadened the Home's mission.

The first change was the establishment of the Colony in 1905. This unique addition to the Home provides services to the eligible couples and surviving spouses of veterans who live in their own or rented quarters in the Orting School District.

The second change was the establishment of the Washington Veterans' Home in 1907, in an effort to relieve crowded conditions at the Soldiers' Home. The Home is located at Retsil, just east of Port Orchard.

The third change came with the first application for admission from a female veteran in April, 1969. Her admission led to subsequent admission of other female veterans and provision for a limited number of rooms on the grounds where widows of veterans might live.

The Home's goal is to provide a facility that can give a high level of medical and supportive care to eligible persons who cannot provide for themselves and to provide treatment and rehabilitation for those who are able to return to the community.

Franke Tobey Jones Home

The history of Tacoma would not be complete without including our historic retirement home,

WASHINGTON STATE SOLDIERS' HOME, Orting, Washington
Photo courtesy of Arthur M. Lower